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TWITTER

1985 Air India bombing accused shot dead

Canada-based Ripudaman Singh Malik, 75 (inset), who was acquitted in the tragic 1985 Air India Kanishka terrorist bombing case was shot dead on Thursday in Canada. He and co-accused Ajaib Singh Bagri were acquitted in 2005 of mass murder charges related to two bombings in 1985. In the first incident, a suitcase bomb exploded in an Air India flight flying from Toronto to Bombay when it was above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 229 on board | P10

GO on banning photography in govt offices draws flak

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THE decision of the state government to impose restrictions on taking photographs and videos in government offices without permission has drawn criticism from various quarters including the public and opposition party leaders. Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah said that the government was trying to shield corruption by bringing in this prohibition.

The order issued by the Under Secretary, Department of Personnel and Administration Reforms (DPAR), states that the president of Karnataka State Employees Association requested that some people who come to government offices in Bengaluru, districts and taluk level offices click photos or take videos of the employees and post them on social media.

This causes inconvenience to employees, especially women. Henceforth, taking photographs and videos without permission of officials is banned, the order said.

Siddaramaiah said on the one hand, the government is known for 40 per cent commission and on the other they are involved in various scams including the PSI recruitment scam.

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Rajma Bismilla throws ₹2 lakh compensation amount at Siddaramaiah's convoy in Bagalkot on Friday | EXPRESS

Take your ₹2L back, want harmony: Woman to Siddu

MAHESH M GOUDAR @ Bagalkot

"We need justice and peace between Hindus and Muslims, not compensation," said a furious Rajma Bismilla, while refusing compensation money from Leader of the Opposition in Karnataka Assembly, Siddaramaiah. She is the wife of one of the injured in Kerur violence which took place recently.

The woman not only refused to take compensation offered by Siddaramaiah, but also hurled back ₹2 lakh cash on the escort vehicle of the senior Congress leader in Bagalkot on Friday.

Siddaramaiah, who represents Badami assembly segment, visited a hospital and enquired about the the health of those injured in the violence which took place in Kerur on July 6. While paying visit to the families, Siddaramaiah handed over compensation of Rs 50,000 each to four families.

Speaking to reporters, Rajma said, "Hindus and Muslims have been living like brothers and sisters for the past many decades in Kerur. Not one communal violence had been reported in the town. This incident has disturbed communal harmony. We don't want any money from the government or politicians. Instead, we need peace between Hindus and Muslims and justice for followers of both religions." P4

NIRF: IISc TOPS UNIV, RESEARCH RANKINGS

IIT Madras, JNU, Jamia lead the charts

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@ New Delhi

INDIAN Institute of Sciences Bengaluru topped the university category in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). Indian Institute of Technology Madras remained the country's best in the overall category for the fourth consecutive year.

IISc is followed by Jawaharlal Nehru University and Jamia Millia Islamia. Jamia improved its position from last year's number six. While Delhi University's Miranda House ranked first in the college category, the AIIMS is the best medical college in the country. IIT Madras also bagged the top position as the best engineering college and got the second position in the research category.

In the rankings released on Friday by Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, IISc took the number two spot, followed by IIT Bombay in the overall category. From next year, NIRF will add two other categories — innovation and entrepreneurship. "There is already work going on on rankings of ITIs and polytechnics," he said.

IIM Ahmedabad ranked first in the top B-schools in India, followed by IIM Bengaluru, IIM Calcutta, IIT Delhi and IIM Kozhikode. In the medical category, AIIMS, Delhi was followed by the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh and Christian Medical College, Vellore.

Five Delhi colleges made it to the top 10, which included Presidency College and Loyola College, Chennai. NLSIU, Bengaluru got the first position for law, followed by National Law University, Delhi and Symbiosis Law School, Pune. Saveetha Institute, Chennai topped the dental category. P9

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Best Overall
IIT Madras

Best College
Miranda House, New Delhi

Best University
IISc Bengaluru

Best in Engineering
IIT Madras

Best in Management
IIM Ahmedabad

Best in Law
National Law School of India University, Bengaluru

Best in Medical
AIIMS Delhi

Best in Research
IISc Bengaluru

7 K'TAKA VARSITIES IN TOP 100

Seven Karnataka universities, including Bangalore University and Visvesvaraya Technological University, have made it to the top 100 rankings of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has retained its second place from last year. Manipal Academy of Higher Education, slipped from 15 last year to 17 now. But its overall score jumped from 58.91 to 61.23. P2

CUET debuts amid confusion, cancellations

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE first phase of the Common University Entrance Test (CUET), India's second largest entrance examination, kicked off on Friday amid complaints of mismanagement, out-of-syllabus questions, and lengthy question papers.

Many students reportedly missed the exam as their centres were suddenly changed to faraway places. Baffled students and their hassled parents complained they were informed of the change just hours before the exam. And, those who managed to write the test for admission to 45 central universities found some questions were not from NCERT books.

Students after writing CUET at North Campus in New Delhi on Friday | PTI

Furious at the mismanagement, some CUET candidates as well as their parents took to social media to express their angst. One parent said his daughter missed the exam because the centre was changed at 11.45 pm on Thursday and the new one was 60 km away.

Taking to Twitter, a student said she missed the exam as she didn't check her mail in the night. "The information came at night and I didn't see it. The changed exam centre was far-off... I couldn't reach on time."

Exams in New Jalpaiguri (West Bengal) and Pathankot (Punjab) were cancelled due to "technical reasons", said Vineet Joshi, director-general, National Testing Agency (NTA), which conducts the CUET. All 197 candidates in these two centres have been allocated slots in Phase 2, which will be held in August. He told this paper that genuine candidates who missed CUET on Friday will be allowed to take it in the second phase.

With 14.9 lakh registrations, the CUET is being conducted in two phases. Candidates who have opted for Physics, Chemistry or Biology have been assigned Phase 2.

EXPRESS READ

Yasin Malik abducted me, says Rubaiya Sayeed

Srinagar: Rubaiya Sayeed, the daughter of ex-J&K CM Mufti Sayeed, appeared before a CBI court and identified JKLF chief Yasin Malik as one of her four kidnappers in 1989. P10

ADGP Paul remanded in judicial custody

Bengaluru: ADGP Amrit Paul, who was arrested in connection with the PSI recruitment scam, was remanded in judicial custody with the police custody ending on Friday. P4

₹23,000 crore fund for agri-infra development

Bengaluru: The Centre has received proposals to set up agriculture infrastructure with an investment of Rs 23,000 crore, said Union Minister for Agriculture Narendra Tomar in Bengaluru. P4

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
Under the Combined Aegis of
Department of Handloom and Textiles,
District Administration and Zilla Panchayat, Haveri District
Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister
Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of
Shiggaon Textile Park and
M/s. Texport Industries Pvt. Ltd.,
Anchor Promoter Garment Unit
Presided by Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai, Hon'ble Chief Minister
Date: 16.07.2022, Saturday
Time: 1.00 PM | Venue: Khursapura Village, Bankapura Hobli, Shiggaon Taluk, Haveri District
August Presence
Sri Pralhad Joshi
Hon'ble Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines, Government of India
Sri Shankar B. Patil Munenakoppa
Hon'ble Minister for Handloom and Textiles, Sugarcane Development and Sugar & Raichur and Bidar District In-charge Minister
Sri Arbail Shivaram Hebbar
Hon'ble Minister For Labour And Haveri District In-Charge Minister
Sri B.C. Patil
Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture & Chitradurga and Gadag District In-charge Minister
Hon'ble Lok Sabha Member, MLAs, MLCs, Chairpersons of Corporations & Boards of Haveri District, President and Vice President of Bada Gram Panchayat will participate in the Programme as Chief Guests.
Salient Features of Shiggaon Textile Park
For the first time in the State, Department of Handloom and Textiles, Government of Karnataka is establishing a Textile Park with State-of-the-Art infrastructure facilities in 59.34 acres on a Govt. led Anchor Promoter Model.
Necessary infrastructure facilities for establishment of Readymade Garment Units and Textile Units will be created in two phases. In the first phase, necessary infrastructure facilities for Textile Park will be created at a cost of Rs. 25.00 crores.
Readymade Garment Unit will be established by Anchor Promoter, M/s. Texport Industries Pvt. Ltd. at a cost of Rs. 45.00 crores. Around 3000 jobs will be generated.
Investment of Rs. 200 crores by the time of completion of the Park.
Job opportunities for over 5000 people.
Sri Shankar B. Patil Munenakoppa, Hon'ble Minister for Handloom and Textiles, Sugarcane Development and Sugar inspecting Readymade Garments.
As is enshrined in our Constitution, to uphold and protect the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India is the fundamental duty of every citizen of the country.
Wear Mask
Follow Physical Distancing
Maintain Hand Hygiene
S.B. Shettennavar, IAS, Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Haveri District
T.H.M. Kumar, IAS, Commissioner for Textile Development and Director of Handloom and Textiles
Pankaj Kumar Pandey, IAS, Secretary to Government (MSME, Mines and Textile), Commerce and Industries Department